

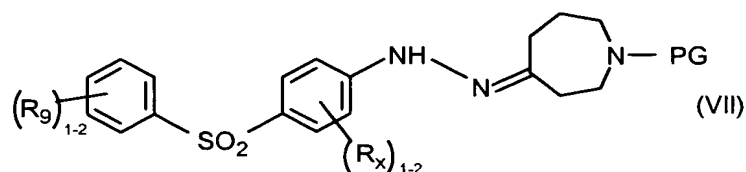
Please replace claims 24 and 25 with the following:

### Claims

Claims 1 - 23. Previously canceled.

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Claim 24 (Currently amended) A compound of formula (VII)



where PG is selected from the group consisting of  $\phi$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-,  $\phi$ -CO-,  $\phi$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>- and -CO-O-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>,

10 where R<sub>X</sub> is:

(1) -H

(2) -F, -Cl, -Br, -I,

(3) -O-R<sub>X-1</sub> where R<sub>X-1</sub> is:

-H,

15 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl,

- $\phi$ ,

(4) -CF<sub>3</sub>,

(5) -CO-NR<sub>X-2</sub>R<sub>X-3</sub> where R<sub>X-2</sub> and R<sub>X-3</sub> are -H and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, and where

R<sub>[(x)]X-2</sub> and R<sub>[(x)]X-3</sub> are taken with the attached nitrogen atom to form a ring selected

20 from the group consisting of 1-pyrrolidinyl, 1-piperazinyl and 1-morpholinyl,

(6) -NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>X-4</sub> where R<sub>X-4</sub> is -H and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl,

(7) -NR<sub>X-2</sub>R<sub>X-3</sub> where R<sub>X-2</sub> and R<sub>X-3</sub> are as defined above,

(8) -NR<sub>X-4</sub>-CO-R<sub>X-4</sub> where R<sub>X-4</sub> is as defined above,

(9) -SO<sub>2</sub>-NR<sub>X-2</sub>R<sub>X-3</sub> where R<sub>X-2</sub> and R<sub>X-3</sub> are as defined above,

25 (10) -C $\equiv$ N,

(11) -NO<sub>2</sub>; and

where R<sub>9</sub> is:

(1) -H,

(2) -F, -Cl,

30 (3) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl,

(4) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkoxy,(5) -CF<sub>3</sub>,(6) C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl- $\phi$  where the - $\phi$  substituent is optionally substituted with 1 or 2

(a) -F, -Cl, -Br, -I,

5 (b) -O-R<sub>9.1</sub> where R<sub>9.1</sub> is:

-H,

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl,- $\phi$ ,(c) -CF<sub>3</sub>,10 (d) -CO-NR<sub>9.2</sub>R<sub>9.3</sub> where R<sub>9.2</sub> and R<sub>9.3</sub> are -H and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, and

where R<sub>9.2</sub> and R<sub>9.3</sub> are taken with the attached nitrogen atom to form a ring selected from the group consisting of 1-pyrrolidinyl, 1-piperazinyl and 1-morpholinyl,

(e) -NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>9.4</sub> where R<sub>9.4</sub> is -H and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl,(f) -NR<sub>9.2</sub>R<sub>9.3</sub> where R<sub>9.2</sub> and R<sub>9.3</sub> are as defined above,15 (g) -NR<sub>9.4</sub>-CO-R<sub>9.4</sub> where R<sub>9.4</sub> is as defined above,(h) -SO<sub>2</sub>-NR<sub>9.2</sub>R<sub>9.3</sub> where R<sub>9.2</sub> and R<sub>9.3</sub> are as defined above,(i) -C $\equiv$ N,(j) -NO<sub>2</sub>(7) -OR<sub>9.1</sub> where R<sub>9.1</sub> is as defined above,20 (8) -CO-NR<sub>9.2</sub>R<sub>9.3</sub> where R<sub>9.2</sub> and R<sub>9.3</sub> are as defined above,(9) -NR<sub>9.2</sub>R<sub>9.3</sub> where R<sub>9.2</sub> and R<sub>9.3</sub> are as defined above,(10) -NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>9.4</sub> where R<sub>9.4</sub> is as defined above,(11) -NH-CO<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>9.2</sub> where R<sub>9.2</sub> is as defined above.

25 Claim 25 (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 24 where PG is  $\phi$ -CH<sub>2</sub>- or  $\phi$ -CO- and where R<sub>9</sub> is selected from the group consisting of -H, -F, -Cl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkoxy and -CF<sub>3</sub> and where R<sub>[x]X</sub> is selected from the group consisting of -H, -F and -Cl.

30 Claims 26 - 37. Previously canceled.